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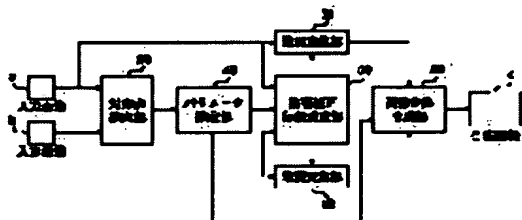
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(54) IMAGE SYNTHESIS METHOD AND IMAGE SYNTHESIZER

(57)Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To obtain the image synthesis method and the image synthesizer in which plural images having different image states due to difference from an image pickup condition or the like are synthesized in an excellent way.

SOLUTION: Gradation conversion sections 31, 32 correct input images a, b depending on image states in an overlapped image area. In this case, gradation conversion is applied to the input images a, b, to correct them so that the lightness in the overlapped image area of the two images is made equal. Furthermore, an image conversion synthesis section 50 conducts synthesis processing so that the center of the overlapped part comes to a joint and the input images a, b whose lightness is corrected by the gradation conversion sections 31, 32 are converted by a conversion parameter and the result is synthesized into one image.



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